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### Thanks

... to those who assisted today, and who will be assisting tomorrow, with our ANZAC commemorations ... and a special thanks to Mr Schuster, Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Sinclair.

### People of the week

... Olivia M who has been asked to present her speech "What to do in a Zombie Apocalypse" at a forthcoming NRC civil defence forum ... in front of 200 people. This is a real honour Olivia.

... Grace H who recently won first place (senior level 5) at the intermediate cheerleaders competition in the USA ... an outstanding achievement Grace!!!!

... Emily D who achieved 11<sup>th</sup> place in the National BMX Competition recently, against 300 other competitors. You can be hugely proud of this placing Emily.

... Those children who signed up for school choir this year. Well done!

... Congratulations to Toni Pivac, one of our parents, for writing the winning Short Story of the Year 2015, Pikihiua Awards.

... Ben D who can now tie his shoe laces on his own ... well done Ben!

### Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

27 April	ANZAC Day public holiday
28 April	Our school choir's first practice at Hurupaki School
1 May	Term headlice check
12 May	Junior field trip to Forum North (10:30 AM to 2:30 PM)
25 May	Year 7 immunisations
26 May	Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 3.6)
1 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
2 June	Room 9 and 10 field trip (more to follow)
13 June	Trivia Night
16 June	Kamo High School management team visits to meet parents and prospective students (7:00 PM)
18 June	Tech Quest (more to follow)
19 June	Portfolios issued
29/30 June	Parent interviews
3 July	Final day of term 2

### Offers invited ... Pipe Shade Cover Framing by Rooms 6 and 8

Some of you will know that we will soon undertake some remodelling of rooms 6 through 8. Part of this will involve extensive work on the current deck area, including removal of the pipe framing which once held the shade cloth. Last term a number of families expressed interest in making an offer for the pipe framing (including removal) but have not followed up. Please contact Kevin on Monday if interested, if we don't hear from anyone on Monday we will explore alternatives.

### **Commencing Virtue 2015**

As you may know, valuing others is an overarching focus for 2015. Our first supporting virtue is Compassion. Please set aside special time at home to ..

... talk about the importance of compassion

... how you practise / have practised compassion in your life

... how the compassion of others has meant something to you in the past

... how your children might practise this moving forward

And PLEASE advise us of shining examples so that we can use these to encourage others. Support material will be attached to this or the next newsletter.

### **Learning Support Placements - Mrs Comrie - Mrs Walker**

Term 2 learning support programmes are now up and running. A number of children have been 'rolled over' to term 2 in order to consolidate gains made in term 1. This is precious time and so please continue to show an interest in their involvement, and help make sure all homework is completed in a timely manner. Some of these programmes discontinue at mid-year and so it is crucial that we make as much progress as possible this term. Most schools do not offer learning support programmes of this nature and we want to get the maximum yield from the investment of time and money. Mrs Walker and Mrs Comrie are available by appointment if you want an update on your child's progress or if you have any questions about their programmes.

### **Cellphones**

Please remind children that cellphones must be dropped to the school office on arrival at school, and picked up prior to departure at the end of the day. We are happy to pass important messages to your children via the school office.

### **Choir practices**

.. start next week. Members of the school choir have received a letter from Mr Schuster containing essential dates and details. If you did not receive this, or if you have further questions, please contact Mr Schuster.

### **Outstanding Senior Camp Fees / Parent bridge climb fee**

As indicated last term, quite a few camp fees are still outstanding. If you have not yet paid camp fees (or fees for the parent bridge climb), please forward these to school next week, or phone Kevin or Brenda to request an extended period for payment.

### **ANZAC Day Dawn Parade - (April 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Whilst this is a completely optional event, members of our school council and senior students will be involved in the 2015 Dawn Parade. Mrs Sinclair (and maybe Mr D) will be meeting in Alexander Street (opposite the RSA) at 5.30 am. Parents and students are more than welcome to join us for this special morning. We request that students wear their Matarau School T-shirts.

### **Religious Instruction Classes**

.. commences soon. These classes will operate 9:00 to 9:30 on Monday mornings. If your child was included last year (or you "opted in" at enrolment), we will assume your consent to include again this year. If not included last year, we will assume non-inclusion again this year. If you would like to change last year's arrangements please advise our school office next week and we will update our records. We also understand that there may be changes within the first 2 weeks of the programme getting up and operating and this is fine (as long as arrangements are firmed up by beginning of week 4 of term 2). Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you have questions about this programme. The curriculum is ecumenical, mainstream and heavily aligned to the National Health Curriculum. The time taken for religious instruction is made up in increments across the week to ensure regular learning time is minimally impacted. Non-attending children will be allocated work for this time and will be supervised and supported by a staff member. You should feel under no pressure to include or non-include - this is, quite rightly, absolutely your call!

### **Pool Keys**

If you hired pool keys this year please return these next week. Please note that the pool padlock will be changed each year.

### **Headlice Inspection**

Our next inspection is scheduled for 1 May. Please check your children's hair before then and treat if necessary. If able to help with this inspection please phone Donna in the school office.

### **Data**

We are now in the process of analysing data collected last term. This enables us to identify students, and groups of students, who may need support. It also indicates where our programmes might be strong, and where they might need some tweaking. By and large our students continue to achieve well. Students involved in learning support programmes, and after school labs, are showing special improvement which seems to vindicate all the investment of time and effort (and money) in these programmes. We will continue to analyse achievement data this term and will make your child's data available to you at mid-year interviews.

### **Board of Trustees**

*With the departure of Lisa Jones, the Board has been considering co-opting an additional Board of Trustees member to help with our fundraising. Jenny Wieggersma has kindly expressed her interest in joining the Board. The Board will proceed with this co-option at our Board meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 unless more than 10% of the parents/caregivers indicate a preference for a bi-election. **If you would like us to hold a bi-election please advise us before the 12<sup>th</sup>, including the name of your alternate candidates. Thank you Jenny for your interest in this position.***

### **Finally**

Thank you to all of those staff, parents and students who have worked hard to ensure that we celebrate ANZAC day in an appropriate manner. The RSA has allocated the names of a specified number of actual servicemen to each school to honour in some way as part of our commemoration. The names of these servicemen follow in this newsletter:

Lance Corporal E. Angel,

Private J.R Baillie

Sergeant O. Beaumont

Private C. B Billing

Sergeant D.F. Brown

Captain R. O. Brydon

Sapper R. Carter

Lance Corporal J.H. Cullen

Sergeant S. Forsyth

Staff Nurse C. A. Fox

Corporal J. M. Fraser

Sergeant D. Gallaher

Private H. Harding

Private H. Hare

Private H.E. Houston

Private P. Kihi

A New Zealand Soldier - Known Unto God

Private A. J. Lamb

Private B.E. Mercer

Private D.W. Mitchell

Sergeant H.J. Nicholas

Sergeant J.T Peat

Private H. Rapihana

Rifleman G.L. Skinner

Private F. Stables

Private T. Taurere

Sergeant R.C. Travis

Private H. Waru

Private F. Wiki

Rifleman F.W. Yearbury

While we feel deeply honoured that we have been called upon to remember the sacrifices made by these servicemen, we also want children to see that war comes at a terrible cost. Most servicemen will tell you, first and foremost, that they would never wish anyone to experience what they experienced.

While ANZAC Day inevitably means different things to different people, history testifies that principles come at a price (sometimes the ultimate price) and that lessons ignored are usually repeated.

### **Scholastic Issue 3**

Went home this week. All orders and payments due in at the School office by Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> or go online [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) type in 'Matarau' and place your own orders. These orders will be sent to school for distribution.

### Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (Tuesday & Wednesday in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email [killalea@ihug.co.nz](mailto:killalea@ihug.co.nz)

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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### Community Notices

For Sale - 4 bdr home in Matarau - wonderful views, in school zone, great neighbourhood. Easy grazing land on 2.4 acres. 1.5 bathrooms, huge deck, new carpets and paint downstairs. Call 027 4 37 1057 for more details.

Drama classes – in Whangarei and Ruakaka help students develop confidence and communication skills in a fun, creative environment. Make friends with other imaginers, actors, speakers and creatives just like your child. Ages 5- 18 please visit the website for more info <http://www.makingascene.co.nz/>

Kamo Club Junior Section Line and Fun Dancing – Every Wed 5pm-6pm. Ages from Kindy to Intermediate (older if you want to join in). Parents are required to accompany their children. Raffles/Dress ups and lots of fun. Contact Toni on 0272849782 or email [Jacqueline.jr@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Jacqueline.jr@xtra.co.nz) for more info or just drop in to have a look.



The advertisement features a yellow and black background with a large, bold, black 'SCORE' text. Above the text is a graphic of a white oval with '10 / 20 / 50' inside. Below the text is a graphic of a person's legs in white socks and black shoes, appearing to be running or jumping. The text 'WITH ASB SCHOOL BANKING' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below 'SCORE'. At the bottom, there is a black box with white text that reads: 'Saving \$1 with ASB could score you a share of \$5,000. To enter the fortnightly prize draw, simply deposit at least \$1 into your registered Headstart account through your school's ASB School Banking Programme or electronically between Monday 20 April, 2015 and Sunday 12 July, 2015. You'll be in with a chance to win \$10, \$20 or \$50 in fortnightly cash prizes. The competition closes on Sunday 12 July, 2015. To find out more and to open an account visit [asb.co.nz/score](http://asb.co.nz/score) or collect a brochure from your school office or visit your local ASB branch.' The ASB logo is in the bottom right corner.

### School Lunches

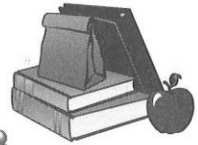
**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. See order form attached to this week's newsletter if you want to bulk order for term 4.



# Compassion



## What is Compassion?

Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.

## Why Practice It?

When people feel hurt or in trouble, they often feel alone. Feeling alone can make things even worse. Without compassion the world is a hard and lonely place. Being compassionate helps us to feel less alone. Compassion helps us to be understanding of others and ourselves.



## How Do You Practice It?

Compassion begins by noticing when someone seems sad or troubled. Put yourself in their place and ask how you would feel if it were happening to you. Think about how you can help. Take time to listen, and then say kind things like "What are you sad about?" and "How can I help?" Be forgiving when others make mistakes. Be a friend when someone needs a friend.



## What would Compassion look like if...

- Your dog is caught up in his leash?
- A friend is confused about what the teacher said?
- Your mother is sick in the hospital?
- A new student is lonely and feels left out?
- Your father seems really tired after work?
- Your brother's best friend just moved away?

## Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing Compassion when you...

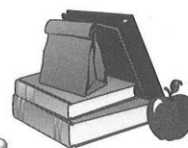
- Notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend
- Imagine how they must be feeling
- Take time to show that you care
- Ask how they are and listen patiently
- Forgive others when they make mistakes
- Do some service to help a person or an animal in need

## Affirmation

*I have compassion. I notice when someone is hurt or needs my help. I take the time to show that I care.*



# Activities with Compassion



## Service Project

- As a group, think of a way to serve people in your community who may be lonely or need some help.
- Look up newspaper articles that show people in need. Decide on a project you can do to help.
- Write a letter to someone who is sick at home



## Virtues Reflection Questions

- What does compassion feel like inside?
- When have you felt compassionate towards someone you didn't know?
- What does it feel like to be lonely?
- Name three ways you can help a new student to feel less lonely?
- What would you do to be helpful and show compassion if your parent were in hospital?



## Drawing Compassion

Draw a picture of a compassionate person helping a person or animal in trouble.



## Poster Points

- My heart is full of compassion.
- Do for others what you would have them do for you.
- I care.



## Quotable Quotes

*"If your compassion does not include yourself, it is incomplete."* Jack Kornfield

*"Walk a mile in my shoes."* Song

*"To 'listen' another's soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performed for another."* Douglas Steen

*"...no man can live for himself alone."*  
Ross Parmenter

*"[Man] is immortal...because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance."* William Faulkner

*"The individual is capable of both great compassion and great indifference. He has it within his means to nourish the former and outgrow the latter."* Norman Cousins

*"Don't do unto others as you would have them do unto you. They may have different tastes."*  
George Bernard Shaw

*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier."* Mother Teresa

## FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ **Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.**
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

### WEEKLY ORDER FORM – Term 2 2015

Child \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_ Milk Drink - extra \$1.00

Room \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00  
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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 2 - 10 weeks

Items @ \$4.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

Items @ \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.-